

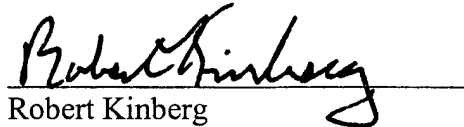
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**REMARKS**

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction in the Office Action mailed on July 22, 2004, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I containing Claims 1-16 drawn to a method for producing multi-segment filter elements. Claims 19-23 of Group I are apparatus claims and have been amended to depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 17. Accordingly, Claims 19-23 should be part of the non-elected Group II. Further examination of the Claims in Group I is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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